

Mantua PTA Alert News

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1. Mantua Night at Pizza Hut – Join your friends and neighbors Tuesday, December 11, anytime between 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Pizza Hut located at the corner of Prosperity and Little River Turnpike. Pizza Hut will donate 20% of all proceeds during this time to the Mantua PTA. This is good for dine-in or carryout. Look for the flyer in your child's Tuesday folder or visit the website at www.mantuapta.com.

2. Kids Care Club

The Kids Care Club will be collecting NEW winter hats and mittens for needy families. The collection will be held for the first two weeks of December. A collection box will be in the foyer. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

Final warning! The Kids Care Club is also collecting the lost and found items THIS WEEK to wash and send to the Clothing Boutique at Bailey's Elementary.

3. Holiday Gift Idea

The PTA is pleased to once again offer families Type to Learn, the software package Mantua uses to teach children typing. The software is just \$13 and is available in time for the holiday season.

Students embark on zany time travel missions to learn keyboarding skills in this animated update of Type to Learn. Built on a proven curriculum of sequential, skills-building instruction, Type to Learn 3 helps students master keyboarding by engaging them in lesson/practice sequences that include:

- Home Position: A friendly reminder on proper positioning at the keyboard
- Warm Up: Loosen up fingers in a home row review
- Check Point: Quickly review previously learned lessons
- Learn New Keys: Animated 3D hands introduce keystrokes on a color-coded keyboard
- Exercises: Direct keyboarding instruction with automatic review and plenty of practice
- Final Challenge: Ensure skills are mastered with a test after each lesson

Each of the 25 lessons in Type to Learn 3 is followed by a set of skills-based practice games. With new art, more teacher control options, and a captivating world history theme, them new games provide fun practice for students! Grades 2 - 12.

To order your copy(ies), please enclose a note with your child's name, child's teacher and number of copies along with a check made payable to "Mantua PTA" in an envelope labeled "PTA Box - Type to Learn". The software will be sent home with your child in a sealed paper bag (in case the software is a gift).

Please contact Carole Thomas at caroleandjay@aol.com if you have any questions.

4. On-line Auction: There's still time to make a donation to this year's on-line auction. Donate a gourmet dinner, weekend at a vacation home, gutter cleaning, etc. Making a donation is easy: either send your information to Mary Jo Kavjian at kavjianPTA@aol.com or visit the website at www.mantuapta.com.

5. **PTA Membership** has been a huge success this year! With your support, the PTA has funded and contributed funds for many items throughout the school as well as some fabulous programs, some of which are only offered here at Mantua. If you have not joined, now would be a perfect time to show your school support by becoming a part of the PTA. **All families with at least one PTA member receive a Mantua School directory.** Send in cash or write a check to "Mantua PTA" for \$14 for a family membership or \$7 for a single membership. Include "PTA Membership," member(s) name(s), your child's name, and his/her class on the envelope. You may also mail your check to:

PTA Membership
9335 Tovito Drive
Fairfax, VA 22031

THANK YOU!

Donna Stelling McGrath, PTA Membership

6. **Lunch Money** – Welcome to December! With the holiday season in full swing, life has become even more chaotic. In case your student forgot their lunch or ran out of money on their card during November, this would be a great time to reimburse the office for any borrowed funds. By doing this, funds will be available for the next person who needs to borrow for a day. Thanks for your help.

7. **CLINIC REQUEST:** The clinic will no longer keep clothing for emergencies. If you have a young child at Mantua, you are encouraged to keep a change of clothing in their backpack. Please contact Ms. Lindholm by stopping in the Clinic or by e-mail at Neita.Lindholm@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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